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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF VENEZUELAN SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES
AND MERCHANT MARINE.

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ
SPEECH OF SEPTEMBER 11 AT ESCUELA NAUTICA DE VENEZUELA
(VENEZUELAN MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY) GRADUATION CEREMONIES
FOR MERCHANT MARINE OFFICERS AT WHICH HE SAID THAT
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE DIQUES Y ASTILLEROS
(NATIONAL DRYDOCK AND SHIPYARD AUTHORITY) WILL BE
TRANSFORMED INTO A A LARGE COMPANY FINANCED BY MIXED LOCAL
AND FOREIGN CAPITAL. FOR REASONS OF CONTROL., THE
MAJOR PORTION OF CAPITAL WILL BE VENEZUELA. THIS ACTION
ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT WILL RESULT IN GRATER FLEXIBILITY AND
CAPACITY CONCERNING PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NATIONAL
DRYDOCK AND SHIPYARD AUTHORITY. HE CONFIRMED THAT PLANS
ARE IN PROCESS FOR EXPANDING OR ESTABLISHING
SHIPBUILDING FACILITIES IN PUERTO CABELLO,
PARAGUANA AND IN THE STATE OF SUCRE, WHERE THREE LARGE
SHIPYARDS WILL CONSTRUCT BOTH MERCHANT AND NAVAL VESSELS.

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2. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ALSO MENTIONED THAT CORPORACION

VENEZOLANA DEL PETROLEO (CVP) AND THE INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE DIQUES Y ASTILLEROS WILL SIGN A CONTRACT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST VENEZUELAN-BUILT TANKERS WHICH WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF 30,000 TONS. HE ALSO INSTRUCTED THE PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN INVESTMENT FUND TO COOPERATE WITH COMPANIA VENEZOLANA DE NAVEGACION (CAVN), THE NATIONAL FLAG LINE, IN PURCHASING NINE MERCHANT SHIPS FOR ITS EXISTING FLEET. HE SAID, THE NATIONAL CANNOT WAIT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR FACILITIES TO ACHIEVE THESE IMMEDIATE AIMS.

3. COMMENTS: SHIPBUILDING AND MERCHANT MARINE EXPANSION ARE AMONG VENEZUELA'S HIGHEST ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES. THE PRESIDENT OF THE VENEZUELAN INVESTMENT FUND RECENTLY INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THE FUND WILL FINANCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF SUCH PROJECTS.
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